

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE September 23, 2002

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Applicant(s)

: Hiroyuki MAEDA

For

OPERATING UNIT OF A VEHICLE HAVING AN

AUTOMATIC BRAKING DEVICE

Serial No.

09/648 290

Group

3661

Confirmation No.: 5582

Filed

: August 24, 2000

Examiner:

Broadhead

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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126. Med ponsive to the Office Action dated May 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. Marked-up copies of the amended claims are enclosed herewith.

Please amend Claims 3 and 11-13 as follows:

3. (Thrice Amended) The operating unit according to Claim 11, further comprising reference value setting means provided in the vehicle by which said reference value corresponding to said target traveling speed is set, and wherein the automatic braking device is operated according to the reference value set by the reference value setting means based on the control signal.

11. (Amended) In an operating unit for a vehicle traveling on a road which said vehicle has an automatic braking device that includes a manual actuator where braking is produced in wheel brakes by operation of said manual

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## Sir:

Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Statement(s) re small entity status submitted previously.
- Statement(s) re small entity status enclosed. []
- No additional filing fee is required. []
- [X] The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	No.	No.	()	RATE	(X)	
For	Filed	Extra	LG Entity		SM Entity	Fee
Basic Fee			\$740.00		\$370.00	\$ 0.00
Total Claims	(20-10)	= 10)	x \$ 18.00		x \$ 9.00	90.00
Indep. Claims	(6-4	= 2)	x \$ 84.00		x \$ 42.00	84.00
[ ] Multiple De	p. Claim	ı	+ \$280.00		+ \$140.00	0.00
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *						\$174.00

- A Check for \$229.00 is enclosed to cover all fees.
- Please credit any overpayment, or charge any additional filing [X] fee or application processing fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 by this communication, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

IN DUPLICATE

Respectfully submitted,

MLM/jw

Encl: Listed above

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on September 23, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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